

Town of Mansfield Traffic Authority
Minutes of the Meeting – June 25, 2013

Present: Hart, Painter, Cournoyer, Raiola, Meitzler, Hultgren, Guests: Kaufman, Spear, Foran, Fosberry, Stephenson & Stewart

The meeting convened shortly after 10:30 AM. The minutes of the May 28, 2013 meeting were reviewed and no corrections made.

Route 275 pedestrian/bike concerns – no progress, report from the DOT is still pending.

Storrs Center Traffic – Mr. Kask's concerns regarding future traffic backing up on 195 south of 275 were discussed. This situation/area will be monitored to see if this problem does develop. A letter will be sent to Mr. Kask informing him of this discussion.

The Dog Lane intersection with 195 was also discussed. Since the Royce Circle/Bolton Road Extension alternative will be completed by August 1st, it was decided not to take any action at this time, but to monitor this location after the new roads were open to determine the extent of the problem (illegal left turns at the west end of Dog Lane).

Willowbrook Road traffic concerns – nothing new. The traffic concerns expressed by the neighborhood residents has not yet materialized.

Speed Hump Requests – still waiting for updated speed data on Davis Road and Mansfield Hollow Road

Speed concerns on Meadowbrook Road – no progress, waiting to hear from resident.

Employee parking at Town Hall/Community Center – this matter was discussed and Hart suggested the parking labeling system be simplified if possible. He will discuss the matter with the Recreation Director prior to requesting any formal action by the Authority.

Parking on Meadowood Road – no progress, resident is yet to be contacted.

MMS AM/PM traffic (and proposed new busway) – no progress, will require considerable engineering

Speed concerns on Edgewood Lane – no progress, resident is yet to be contacted.

Hunting Lodge Road crosswalk near Carriage House Drive – Hultgren said that the sight distances were OK both ways, but if the pedestrians crossing east to west didn't stand right at the beginning of the crosswalk, a bank partially blocked sight distance for NB vehicles. After discussion, an advance crosswalk warning sign was authorized for NB traffic to the south of the crosswalk.

Stop sign request at the MMS front driveway – the sketch submitted by the school administrators was reviewed, but more information was needed on the visibility of the proposed sign and the geometry of the driveway at that location. Meitzler was asked to look at this location to see if a stop sign could be placed there and be visible/workable.

Route 89 at the Mt. Hope bridge crossing – for information only, no action required.

Storrs Center Streetscape Extension – The request to extend the 30 MPH speed south to the proposed crosswalk at Liberty Bank was approved on a motion by Painter/Meitzler. As the plans for the project include this change, no further action (other than having the plans approved by DOT) is necessary.

Kathleen Paterson from the Mansfield Downtown Partnership requested that Rte 195 be closed for the Festival on the Green parade between 11:45 and 12:45 on September 22nd. The request was approved on a motion by Cournoyer/Raiola.

Request for striping (no parking) in front of the Town Hall – this matter was tabled to give Authority members time to observe the location and the need for new signage or pavement markings.

Howard Kaufman and Dave Spear presented their plans for a loading zone along Royce Circle where the TS-3 building's frontage will be. After discussion a motion by Hultgren/Raiola was passed to allow this loading zone from 7 am to 3 pm provided it was appropriately striped and signed. 3 loading zone signs with the hours and arrows delineating the zone were requested. The signs may be banded to the proposed streetlight poles along Royce Circle.

Kids Who Tri triathlon – the closure of Clover Mill Road from the Town Garage driveway to Spring Hill Road, Spring Hill Road from Clover Mill Road to Maple Road and the Town Garage/Bicentennial Pond access driveways from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM on Saturday August 24th (rain date Saturday Aug 31st) was approved with the usual conditions that the event and road closures had to be coordinated with the Resident State Trooper's office.

No Parking Signs on Route 195 (from Mansfield Ave to Route 44). Bill Wendt from UConn outlined the University's efforts to remove unneeded signs from the campus and the roads leading to the campus. He said that he did not think these signs were needed any longer. Members of the Authority agreed to support his request with a letter to the DOT's OSTA office with a motion made by Hultgren/Painter and passed unanimously.

Channel 3 Kids camp Ride – this annual event was approved with the usual conditions on a motion by Painter/Meitzler.

1659 Storrs Road (Dunkin Donuts) site plan changes – the Authority reviewed the proposed changes for the entrances, exits and parking areas within the Public America site. Noting that the alignment of the entrance driveway off 195 with the 320 intersection was a noticeable improvement over the existing conditions, the site plan changes (including the proposed drive-up window) were approved by the Authority on a motion by Hart/Cournoyer.

67 Baxter Road site plan changes – the Authority reviewed the proposed changes for the addition and site changes at this location, and voted to express no Authority concerns on a motion by Hultgren/Meitzler.

Proposed changes to the Town's parking ordinance – these changes were reviewed and approved subject to the Town Attorney's final review on a motion by Painter/Meitzler.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren
Director of Public Works